etc. Both sides agreed to intensify cooperation to curb transborder crimes like trafficking in women and children, drug trafficking, dacoities, smuggling, cattle lifting etc. Both sides reconfirmed their resolve not to allow undesirable elements to use their territories for action prejudicial to the security interests of the other.

US warning on threat from AL-Umma

1939. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 29th November, 1998 captioned "US warns citizens in South India to be on alert on December 6, 1998" in the wake of potential threats from Al-Umma;

(b) whether it is a fact that Al-Umma were suspected to be behind the February 1998 bombing in Coimbatore that killed 46 people; and

(c) if so, what preventive measures/directions in this regard have being issued by Centre to Southern Sates to strengthen the coastal surveillance so as to counter the activities of Al-Umma?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter relating to bomb blasts at Coimbatore in which 63 persons were killed is under investigation with Tamil Nadu Police.

(c) The concerned State Governments were suitably sensitized. Additional Para Military Forces where required were also provided to meet any contigency. The Coast Guard ships and aircrafts maintain regular and intensive surveillance of sensitive coastal areas in coordination with Indian Navy and the State Security agencies to prevent any subversive or anti-national activities.

Toll free phone in Counselling Service

1940. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has started a toll free phone in Counselling Service, named the "CHILDLINE" on October 2, 1998, for children who are abused sexually or otherwise;

(b) if so, what other services and aids would be provided to these children besides specialised counselling; and

(c) the details of the organisational netork provided for the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Crime by insurgents in Assam

1941. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of police personnel, army personnel, para-military forces and general public killed, murdered and kidnapped by insurgent groups in the State of Assam particularly in the North Cochar Hills and Karbi Anglong districts in Assam during the last five years and till date;

(b) the name and addresses of the said victims;

(c) the details of compensation provided by Government to the next kin of the victims; and

(d) the effective measures being taken by Government to punish the culprits and to check the killings in the State of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) According to the information received from Govt. of Assam the details of number of persons killed in last five years are as follows:

	Assam	Karbi Anglong	North Cachar Hills
Police	157	4	12
Army	100	23	14
Para-military . . .	99	6	7
Civilians . . .	1128	5	37
The number of persons kidnappred during the last five years are as follows:			
Persons Kidnapped	146	9	17

(b) The names and addresses of the one thousand six hundred and twenty persons killed and/or kidnapped in Assam during the last five years have to be obtained from all the districts/Police Stations in the State of Assam. It is, therefore, difficult to obtain this information and the effort involved is not commensurate with the reply to be furnished.

(c) An ex-gratia of Rs. 5 lakhs is paid to the dependents of the deceased of State Police, Army and other Central Para Military Forces. Special family pension to the next of kin and job on compassionate grounds to the eligible candidates of the family of deceased policemen has also been provide. An ex-gratia amount of Rs. 1 lakh is paid to next of kin of civilians killed in terrorist violence wef 1-4-95.

(d) Government has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in Assam under control. These include, inter-alia, deployment of para-military forces and Army in the State, Coordinated action by Army, Para-military & State Police, for counter insurgency operations, declarations of United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB), National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) and Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT) as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.

Physical Facilities to Paramilitary Forces deployed at High Altitudes

1942. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the physical facilities given to our ITBP and other paramilitary personnel deployed in the higher Himalayas to withstand the vagarise of highly incloment and unpredictable wheather;